

Remember

Week of October 20, 2019

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Icebreaker

What's something you fear?

Changes

Read **Joshua 1:1-5**. What is changing in the life of Israel?

The book of Joshua is all about the time in Israel's history when they are making the transition from the time in the wilderness to the time in the promised land.

Consider all these changes:

- Moses is dead, Joshua is in charge.
- They are changing from being nomadic to settling down.
- They are changing from living in the desert to living in a fertile land.
- They are changing from getting manna every morning to becoming farmers.
- They are still changing from being "Egyptian" to being Israel.

How would all those changes have made you feel?

Which of them would have been the hardest for you?

Has there been a time in your life when you went through big changes? How did you feel during that time? How did you handle it?

Why are big changes difficult for us?

Read **Joshua 1:1-5** again. What is **not** changing?

Step One: Remember

On Sunday, we looked at three stories where the people of Israel were taught to keep remembering that God was going to always remain faithful. For each of these stories share how that would have impacted you:

- God parted the waters of the Jordan river, but not until the priests carrying the ark got their feet wet.
- God used the Jordan crossing to terrify the enemy kings so they wouldn't attack giving the people time to circumcise all the men.
- The day after they celebrated the passover, the people ate produce from the land and the manna stopped.

Take it Home

In these early chapters of Joshua, God is trying to get the people to keep remembering his past **provision**, his **promises** for the future, and his **presence** with them in every moment. How difficult is it for you to keep that in mind?

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